



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shi-You Ding et al.

Serial No.: 09/917,383

Filing Date: July 28, 2001

Title: Thermal Tolerant Cellulase from  
*Acidothermus cellulolyticus*

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) Examiner: Charles L. Patterson, Jr.  
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) Atty. Dkt No.: NREL 01-37  
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R §§ 1.136 AND 1.17(a)(2)**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patents and Trademark Office  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicant herewith petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action, dated June 12, 2003 for three (3) months from September 12, 2003 to December 12, 2003 to prepare a response to the Examiner's rejections. Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to charge the amount of \$475.00 for the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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